



DELMARVA AGRICULTURE DATA WEEKLY BROILER CHICKS REPORT

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PLACEMENTS UP 1%

For the week ending July 24, 2004, growers placed 11.7 million broiler chicks in Delmarva growing houses, according to the Maryland Agricultural Statistics Service. These placements were 0.9% above the comparable week a year earlier. Broiler-type chicks hatched (11.3 million) decreased 2.7% from the comparable week in 2003. Eggs set in incubators during the week totaled 13.8 million, a decrease of 4.9% from the same week a year earlier. Federally inspected slaughter on Delmarva was 11.1 million for the week ending July 17, 2004 compared to 11.3 million slaughtered during the same week in 2003.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED ON DELMARVA

WEEK	EGGS SET 1/		CHICKS HATCHED 1/		CHICKS PLACED 2/	
ENDING	PREV YR	CURR YR	PREV YR	CURR YR	PREV YR	CURR YR
----- THOUSANDS -----						
05/29/04	14,532	14,213	12,015	11,467	12,017	11,467
06/05/04	14,542	14,030	12,020	11,558	12,020	11,558
06/12/04	14,461	14,081	12,327	11,702	12,329	11,927
06/19/04	14,498	14,144	12,050	11,734	12,050	11,734
06/26/04	13,881	14,001	12,038	11,602	11,985	11,632
07/03/04	14,065	13,576	11,901	11,648	11,901	11,648
07/10/04	14,283	13,721	11,884	11,741	11,886	11,741
07/17/04	14,584	13,821	11,432	11,686	11,433	11,686
07/24/04	14,519	13,813	11,573	11,259	11,575	11,683

1/ For all broiler-type chicks, including those intended for hatchery flocks.

2/ The difference between chicks hatched and placed includes chicks withdrawn for hatchery flocks, inshipments and outshipments. None of those numbers are published to avoid disclosure of proprietary information.

* Revised.

NEGOTIATED PRICE FOR TRUCKLOT OF READY-TO-COOK, ICE-PACK, GRADE A FRYERS (\$ per CWT) 1/

	WEEK ENDING 07/31/04	PREV. WEEK	PREV. MONTH	PREV. YEAR
New York Weighted Avg	83.33	79.42	83.29	58.76
12-City Composite 2/	82.26	80.16	82.40	62.57

1/ Source: U.S.D.A., Poultry Market News.

2/ 12-cities: Boston/New England, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Denver, Detroit, Los Angeles, New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, St. Louis and San Francisco.